

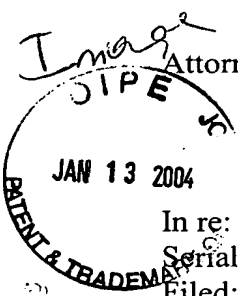
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re: Schwarz et al. Confirmation No. 8406
Serial No. 09/928,796 Group Art Unit: 1653
Filed: August 13, 2001 Examiner: Karen C. Carlson
For: METHODS OF FACILITATING VASCULAR GROWTH

January 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Official Action dated September 10, 2003.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

3. Applicant:

Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

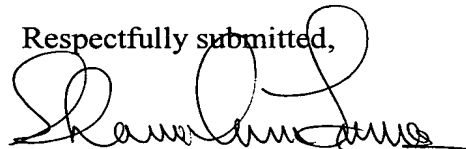
| Total Months Requested | Fee For Other Than Small Entity | Fee for Small Entity |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> one month | \$110.00 | \$55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$420.00 | \$210.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months | \$950.00 | \$475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$1,480.00 | \$740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months | \$2,010.00 | \$1,005.00 |

Fee Due \$475.00

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- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for the extension fee and/or any additional fee required, or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date of Signature: January 12, 2004